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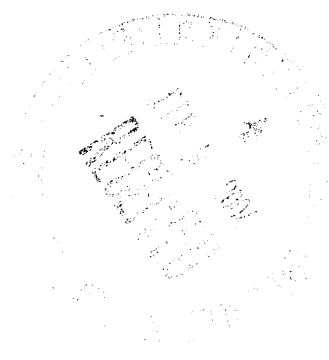
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Elaine K. Kaiser
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Surface Transportation Board
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1925 K Street, Northwest, Suite 534
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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board ("STB")

Re: Notification of the STB's finding of "no historic properties affected" for the abandonment of approximately 32.97 miles of rail line (Docket #AB-55 [Sub-no. 643X])

Dear Ms. Kaiser:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated January 2, 2003, and received on January 5, 2003, for the above indicated project from Lacrosse to Wellsboro in La Porte County and from North Judson in Starke County to Malden in Porter County, Indiana.

We see no reason to object with the STB's January 2, 2003, finding that no historic properties within the area of potential effects will be affected by the above indicated project. However, we have noted that your identification and evaluation efforts have not been completely documented as specified in 36 C.F.R. § 800.11(d).

If you have not already done so, we recommend that you make complete documentation available to the public and all consulting parties for the above indicated project. We would welcome any additional documentation to be attached to the file. However, further coordination and comments from the Indiana SHPO will not be necessary.

If you have any questions, please call Shana Kelso of our office at (317) 232-1646.

Very truly yours,

Shana Kelso

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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